

Volunteer Meeting Saturday Oct 17

Location: HRN Shelter

Attendees: Suzanne, Deb, Beth, Michelle, Franny, Vinny, Diane, Lindsay, Lisa, Betsy

Meeting started 11:10am

Went around the room having each person introduce themselves and what they do for HRN.

We are planning to hold another online auction in November.

Bunsitting is a large fundraiser for HRN. We are always looking for more people to bunsit rabbits. When rabbit owners go on vacation, they often prefer a bunny savvy person to watch the rabbits and will contact HRN. We then find a volunteer to watch the rabbits (in the volunteer's home, we don't go into other people's homes) for a donation to HRN. Jenny Mullen coordinates bun sitting activities.

We are planning a bunny spa day for the Spring. Jessica Riel will do bunny massages.

Two health assessment classes have been scheduled for Sat Dec 5 and Sun Jan 10. All volunteers are encouraged to attend. It was asked if they could attend a second time and the answer is yes.

Brief conversation about adoptions and doing handouts. Normally we recommend a family take their new rabbit to the vet approximately 4-8 weeks after they adopt. This allows for them to learn a little about their bunny before going to the vet and then lets them establish a relationship with a vet and ask them questions. We tend to point people to where to get information rather than give them a bunch of hand outs.

165 Adoptions YTD. We are on track to have our highest total ever. (68 from the shelter.)

Lindsay and Ashley are revamping procedures for adopting out rabbits at the shelter and will be sending out an email with the information. Adoption Procedures will be posted at the shelter too. They are in the process of updating the guidelines.

We are looking for more shelter volunteers.

Foster Homes- we have about 20-25 foster homes. Due to some regulations in New Hampshire, we will no longer have foster homes in that state.

Newsletter should be going out in about 2 weeks.

Flatbread was a success, raising a little over \$2400 for HRN. We made \$1800 with the auction and \$600 from pizza sales. In addition we sold 43 calendars and 12 charms.

We have a new volunteer, Nancy, who will be managing memberships for us.

HRN has multiple emails lists that we want our volunteers to know about.
HRNVol is the general volunteer email list. meant for volunteer activities, only
HRNChat is where people can post and ask questions about their rabbit, etc.
HRNShelter is for the shelter volunteers where shelter information is posted
HRNFoster is for foster homes
HRNHotline is for our hotline notes, this list is restricted due to its sensitive nature.

We hope to get email out to people asking them to contact the Governor's office. They are doing a review of regulations in Massachusetts to see where things can be improved.

Diane is our Education Coordinator- she is looking for help with the Vegetarian Festival this weekend!

2016 Calendars are now available for sale. We also have about 25 charms left.

We can use help with marketing, facebook has been a good marketing tool for us.

We need help with fundraisers. Betsy will look into running a paint night.

HRN has two areas of the web site- We have our main public website, but then also a volunteers website where volunteers can access more information about the rabbits, access forms, or contact other volunteers. Contact Suzanne for access.